

REMARKS**I. Introduction**

Claims **1-32** are currently pending in the present application. Claims **1, 15, 17-22, 25, 26, 31 and 32** are independent.

In the Non-Final Office Action mailed on June 1, 2007 as Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20070427 (hereinafter the “Office Action”), the Examiner imposes a Restriction Requirement. In particular, the Examiner states that the pending claims describe six (6) distinct “inventions”:

- I. Claims **1-14, 17 and 18** drawn to [a] method for determining first and second time intervals and providing an entry into a bonus game of a gaming device based on the first and second time intervals matching, classified in class 273, subclass 143R.
- II. Claims **15 and 16**, drawn to determining a reference time and a bonus game and providing entry into the bonus game in temporal proximity to the time, classified in class 273, subclass 293.
- III. Claims **19-21**, drawn to directing two different gaming machines to provide an award based on a specific time, classified in class 463, subclass 40.
- IV. Claims **22-24**, drawn to apportioning a payout into a first payment and a second payment, classified in class 463, subclass 25.
- V. Claims **26-31**, drawn to [a] method for using a processor for determining first and second time intervals and providing an entry into a bonus game of a gaming device based on the first and second time intervals matching, classified in class 463, subclass 25.
- VI. Claim **32**, drawn to initiating play of a bonus round based on time of play including a player paying taxes to the gaming device, classified in class 463, subclass 27.

(Office Action, pg. 2, emphasis added).

Applicants elect to prosecute “Invention” I (including claims **1-14, 17 and 18**).

II. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request examination of the elected claims **1-14, 17 and 18**.

If there remains any question regarding the present application or any of the cited references, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Jeffrey Ambroziak at telephone number (203) 461-7317 or via electronic mail at jambroziak@walkerdigital.com.

III. Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

While no fees are believed to be due at this time, please charge any fees that may be required for this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Furthermore, should an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this Amendment timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Respectfully submitted,

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